

REMARKS

A petition and appropriate fees is being submitted herewith for a one-month extension of time. The drawings have been objected thereto regarding Fig. 3 including "(see note below)", which has been deleted in amended Fig. 3, which is being submitted herewith. The specification has been objected thereto for certain informalities, which have been corrected by way of amending paragraphs [0001] and [0029].

Claims 1-12 remain in the subject application. Claims 1-7, 11 and 12 are amended, as recited hereinabove.

Claims 1-7 have been objected thereto for informalities, i.e. Claim 1 is directed to a computer readable medium while claims 2-7 are directed to a method. It is believed that this objection is overcome by way of amendment to claims 2-7, as the latter were intended to be directed to a computer readable medium, as correctly interpreted by the Examiner.

Claims 11 and 12 have been objected thereto for certain informalities, which are believed to be corrected by way of amendment.

Claims 8-12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C.101 under a double patenting rejection. A terminal disclaimer is being submitted herewith thereby rendering this rejection moot.

Claims 1-7 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,108,801. It is believed that the terminal disclaimer being submitted herewith further renders this rejection moot.

It is believed that claims 1-12, as amended hereinabove, are patentable and are now in proper condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-12 is thus hereby respectfully requested.

Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance and an early notice thereof is requested. Should any further amendment be required prior to passing the


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application to issue, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,

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